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To: Acute Care Hospital (01) Provider Letter – A-246
Mental Hospital (02) Provider Letter – A-95

Re: DSH Poverty Guidelines 2011

Dear Kentucky Medicaid Provider:

The enclosed application for the Disproportionate Share Hospital Program (DSH-001) is to be used by DSH hospitals to screen for Medicaid and KCHIP eligibility, and to determine eligibility for funding under the DSH program. This updated application includes the federal poverty guidelines that go into effect on April 01, 2011. Completed applications are to be retained by the hospital that possesses the patient's records.

An individual is to be screened for Medicaid eligibility prior to making a determination of eligibility for DSH funding. If an individual meets the criteria to be referred for Medicaid, their data may not be submitted for DSH funding. Only after an individual has applied and been denied Medicaid may a determination of eligibility for DSH funds be requested. All referrals for Medicaid are to be made to the local Department for Community Based Services (DCBS).

If an individual does not meet the screening criteria to be referred for Medicaid, use the application to determine eligibility for DSH funds without referring to DCBS.

For inpatient services, the number of indigent inpatient days and the associated charges need to be submitted to the Department for Medicaid Services. For outpatient services, only the charges for indigent care need be submitted. From this data, the Department of Medicaid will calculate your proportionate share of available DSH funds.

After the screening process is completed, if the individual is aged nineteen (19) or over and appears eligible for Medicaid or KCHIP, please refer the individual to apply for Medicaid at the DCBS office located in the county that they reside.

Sincerely,

Neville Wise
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